

**LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Item No. 1.E
Mtg. Date September 5, 2017
Dept. City Manager's Office

Item Title: Resolution in Support of Diversity and in Opposition of Hate Speech and Domestic Terrorism

Staff Contact: Lydia Romero, City Manager

Recommendation:

Consider a request to adopt a resolution (**Attachment A**) supporting diversity and inclusionary governance and opposing hate speech and domestic terrorism.

Item Summary:

In the wake of recent domestic terrorism incidents and the divisiveness that is growing in our Nation, staff presents a resolution supporting diversity and inclusionary governance and opposing hate speech and domestic terrorism. As Lemon Grove celebrates its 40 years of cityhood, we celebrate our rich and diverse community and our rich and diverse history. In 1931 the historic desegregation case, Alvarez versus Lemon Grove School District allowed for the first time, children of differing ethnic backgrounds to attend the same school. Lemon Grove has always been, and will continue to be, an inclusive and diverse community that stands opposed hate speech of any kind.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Environmental Review:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to review | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Section [] | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration |

Public Information:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter article | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice to property owners within 500 ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood meeting | |

Attachments:

A. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIONARY GOVERNANCE AND OPPOSING HATE SPEECH AND DOMESTIC TERRORISM

WHEREAS, as Lemon Grove celebrates its 40th Anniversary as an incorporated city, the community reflects on its history, accomplishments and its place in the world; and

WHEREAS, Lemon Grove is home to a diverse community and has been a leader in practicing tolerance of differing cultures, peoples and ideas; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Lemon Grove were the first to achieve success in allowing children of differing ethnic backgrounds to attend the same schools when, on March 30, 1931, the San Diego Superior Court entered judgment in Roberto Alvarez v. Board of Trustees of the Lemon Grove School District that desegregated Lemon Grove's elementary school; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove has continued that tradition of inclusion over the years with the appointments to staff and citizen committees of persons who reflect the diversity of the community and the nation; and

WHEREAS, recent incidents of domestic terrorism have occurred that do not reflect the values of the nation or the City of Lemon Grove; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, on behalf of all Lemon Grove residents, deplore all hatred and violence that does not reflect the core values of the United States of America, California and Lemon Grove; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, on behalf of all Lemon Grove residents, call upon the leaders of this State and Nation to strictly enforce hate crime legislation and enact policies to encourage tolerance of people having differing backgrounds to be able to enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California hereby:

1. Determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct; and
2. The City of Lemon Grove continues to support policies to protect all people from hate crimes and discrimination by organized hate groups and any groups using violence and intimidation to promote their views; and
3. Call upon the President, Congress, Attorneys General, Governor, and State Legislature to promote and protect the rights of all to be free from discrimination by hate groups and any groups using violence and intimidation to promote its views and to protect all from hate crimes, violence and intimidation; and
4. Instructs staff to prepare the necessary letters to be signed by the Mayor and Council that expresses the City of Lemon Grove's support as indicated in this Resolution.

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